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**STOCKTON CRACK COCAINE DEALER SENTENCED  
TO MORE THAN 24 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

SACRAMENTO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that United States District Court Judge Morrison C. England, Jr., sentenced Noel Bravo-Sosa, 41, of Stockton, to 293 months in prison followed by a period of supervised release of 10 years. In July 2003, a federal jury convicted Bravo-Sosa of three counts of distributing crack cocaine and one count of possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Sprague, who prosecuted the case, Bravo-Sosa sold approximately one-half of one pound of crack cocaine to a confidential informant and an undercover police officer in Stockton in May 2001. At a subsequent search of Bravo-Sosa's residence, law enforcement agents also found approximately one-quarter of one pound of crack cocaine and approximately \$13,000; the drugs and the cash were hidden in Bravo-Sosa's pillow and mattress. Bravo-Sosa has been in custody since he was arrested in May 2001.

There is no parole in the federal system, so Bravo-Sosa will be required to serve at least 85% – more than 20 years – of the prison sentence imposed upon him.

This case was the result of an investigation conducted by the City and Rural Narcotic Enforcement Team in Stockton, with assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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